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## WILLIAM REZY PLACED ON TRIAL FOR LOOTING BANK.

Commonwealth Soon Disposed of Its Side of Prosecution of Rutzak's Uniontown Bank Manager.

### SENSATIONS FAIL TO COME.

Testimony Developed This Morning Was Decidedly Commonplace—Several Lesser Cases Are Disposed of in Court Room No. 2.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 9.—William Rezy, alleged defuncting manager from the Uniontown branch of Rutzak's bank, was placed on trial this morning on five charges of embezzlement preferred by County Detective Alex McElath and foreign depositors. Although sensations were expected they failed to develop in the testimony of the Commonwealth, which was completed at the noon adjournment. Miss Sadie Robinson was the principal witness. Miss Robinson was in the Connelville bank and was in close touch with Rutzak's affairs.

It developed during her testimony that she, in some manner, learned of Rezy's intended disappearance, but after a dispute over the points of law she was not required to explain further. Miss Robinson told of Rutzak's disappearance on May 28 and admitted receiving a letter from him dated May 30 and postmarked New York. She testified that she had seen him again. Miss Robinson explained the method of transferring funds between the banks and other banking routine observed.

When Rutzak disappeared Miss Robinson said she investigated matters and finally closed the Connelville, Brownsville and Uniontown banks. Rezy disappeared on the evening of the closing of the Uniontown institution.

O. S. Harsh, cashier of the Second National Bank, and Charles H. Cramer, assistant treasurer of the Farmers Title & Trust Company, testified as to the method of depositing money with their institution by Rezy, as Rutzak's manager. Sheriff John and County Detective McElath told the trouble they had in locating Rezy, finally locating him in Cincinnati the last of August after he had been released in Patterson.

The Commonwealth rested at 11:30 and after the defense prepared to open its case an adjournment was taken. Z. C. Elghee of Connelville is assisting District Attorney Henderson in prosecuting the case while A. E. Jones, R. P. Kennedy and Edward Campbell have been retained by the defense.

Roland Black, colored, was convicted of assault and battery with intent to rob upon a black woman near East Millboro. Martin Pollock was convicted of assault and battery in a Connelville townships altercation while Moses Field was found not guilty of assault and battery and poisoning firearms at Joseph Alexander.

**Court Notes.** James Johnson pleaded guilty to a serious assault upon Dorsey Wheeler and was sentenced to 10 years in the Western Penitentiary. Johnson is better known in Uniontown police circles as "Jim Dagle."

Giuseppe Farewell was convicted of pointing firearms, carrying concealed weapons and larceny, the charges being preferred by Philip Roller. The young man was sentenced to Huntingdon reformatory. Harry Clark, aged 16, was convicted of carrying a gun and was sent to the reform school also.

John Kline was convicted of participation in wholesale theft at Newell. Six foreigners were naturalized as American citizens before Judge Umbel yesterday. They were R. Scilla, an Italian; Casper Miotto, Hungarian; Daniel Bolly, Austrian; Peter Katsuka, Austrian; Ignace Ostaszewski, Russian; and Mike Nabowski, German. George Kovalevski could not qualify.

The Connelville Gas Coal Company has sued the Ohio & Baltimore Short Line to recover \$36,000 for taking property of the plaintiff company in Dunbar township.

Viewers have approved the new county bridge over Mounts creek in Bullshead township.

**MRS. WORK IMPROVING.**

Aged Lady Who Was Knocked Down by Buggy Getting Better. The condition of Mrs. Daniel Work of Dunbar township, who was run down a little over a week ago by a horse and buggy continuing to improve at the College State hospital. It is not known yet when she will be able to return to her home.

Mrs. Ruth Henderson, the aged lady, who met with an accident at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wagoner in New Haven last Sunday morning, is getting along remarkably well considering her age.

### NOT "CRAZY DRUNK."

Harry Best Admits Being Intoxicated But Wouldn't Stand for the Degree. Harry Best denied the allegation that he was "crazy drunk" last night but his appearance belied this claim and Burgess Solson was inclined to believe the statement of Officer Anderson who made the arrest. Harry admitted being intoxicated but said he was well able to take care of himself. He presented a forlorn appearance before Burgess Solson and looked more crestfallen when he was told to rest up for 30 days. The sentence was later amended to the usual 48 hours.

## TWO CENT FARE LAW ATTACKED BY P. & L. E.

Asks For Injunction Against Allegheny County Preventing It From Enforcing Law.

A bill in equity was filed by the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Company and the Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Youngstown Railroad Company against Allegheny County, asking for preliminary injunction restraining the county, its officers, agents or employees from bringing suit to recover the penalty of \$100 for each violation of the 2-cent fare law imposed under the law passed in April, 1907. The court is also asked to declare the act unconstitutional and that its enforcement would be contrary to both the State and United States constitutions. The passage of the 2-cent fare law is set forth, and the penalties attached, which provides that the county shall receive all fines for violation of the law. It is stated that if the law is enforced, both railroads will be greatly injured and that the Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Youngstown Railroad Company will also suffer by the impairment of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Company to pay the penalties and perform the obligations provided in the law.

The total revenues derived by the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Company during the year ending September, 1907, is stated, for the Interstate transportation of passengers in Pennsylvania, was about 68.15 per cent derived from fares charged in excess of 2 cents a mile. Since September, 1907, the defendant companies have charged no excess fares, it is claimed.

## ITALIAN WANTED NEAR FOOTLIGHTS.

In His Drunken State He Attempted to Get Front Seat and Disturbed Performance—Cost Him \$7.50.

Tony Rose, an Italian of Vanderhill, was not contented with the seat assigned him in a local nickelodeon but wanted to get down front for a closer view of the dancers who were performing on the stage. He began yelling about the hall and at the same time made vulgar comments to which the house "bouncer" took exception. Tony was forcibly ejected from the place. He was badly intoxicated.

In the meantime, B. P. Wallace, proprietor of the establishment, had called the police and two officers made their appearance after Rose had gone. Hearing of the trouble Constable J. W. Mitchell picked Rose up and brought him before Mr. Wallace who immediately ordered that he be taken away. Mitchell locked the Italian up and this morning he was fined \$7.50. His boss at Vanderhill was expected to produce the fine.

## TREATING PATIENTS FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

A Number of Them Are Taking Advantage of the Free Dispensary in Market Building.

The State tuberculosis dispensary which was established a week or so ago in the Market Building under supervision of Dr. J. B. Echard, is already treating a number of patients and Dr. Echard expects the scope of this work will be greatly enlarged when the benefits of the institution become known.

The State furnishes free treatment for those who cannot afford to pay for a physician's services and for those affected with tuberculosis who are supplied where necessary.

## MORE INDEPENDENT PLANTS START; GAINS IN OUTPUT AND SHIPMENTS.

Works Which Had Been Active Increase Number of Ovens in Blast, While Others Are Fired for the First Time in Many Months—Prices Remain Firm and Unchanged—Rain Helped Some But Water Needed.

Aggregate production of coke and shipments from both regions increased during the week at a steady rate. A number of independent plants were fired while others are preparing to follow. Water is still an obstacle to the starting of several works but labor seems to be easing up somewhat. A number of the larger independent plants have enough men to resume work at plants if they can get enough water to operate.

Most of the independent plants are running six days while some of the coke plants are also going on six days, although the great majority of the latter are still doing only five days per week. There is a prospect that several idle coke plants will be fired around the first of the year.

The rain and snow of the past few days has greatly helped the water supply in the region, making water courses in beds which had been dry for months. Coke manufacturers who have made special provision for water supply are not out of the woods yet as the rain has by no means restored a normal supply of water and every auxiliary method of collecting it will probably have to be continued throughout the winter. Still, the situation is much better than one week ago. A good snowfall followed by a thaw is wanted now.

Whitney, one of the works controlled by the H. C. Frick Coke Company, started 150 ovens during the week. The entire Whitney plant has been idle for some months. Oliver No. 3 fired 50 additional ovens. There were also a number of smaller resumptions.

The fact that most of these were among the plants outside of the big increases of the region is the best indication possible of a revival of general business in all parts of the country.

## REGULAR PANEL IS EXHAUSTED.

Adjourns Rinehart Trial While Sheriff Searches for Jurors.

### SPECIAL VENIRE OF 24 MEN.

Sheriff Meeting With Great Difficulty in Getting the Men, and May Even Have to Summon More—Several Jurors in Box at Adjournment.

Special to The Courier. WAYNESBURG, Dec. 9.—After exhausting the regular panel of jurors in an effort to secure a jury to try B. F. Rinehart, president of the defendant Farmers and Drivers National Bank, on forgery charges, it was decided to summon a special venire for service. Judge Holt and the attorneys held a conference after which the judge decided that he would issue an order for the extra venire of 24 men to qualify as jurors.

Sheriff Jacob Yeager was directed to summon the men and as soon as the order was given him he started out in quest of the men. He began on a few bystanders and then started out into the country. During this time an adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock. At the time of adjournment seven jurors had been secured.

The sheriff is meeting with great difficulty in getting the men together, as many are not desirous of serving on the jury, and the approach of the sheriff is a signal to "skidoo." Some believe that it will be impossible to secure a jury from the extra venire and it may be necessary to summon even more.

District Attorney H. C. Staggors has charge of the prosecution. He is assisted by Attorneys J. J. Purman, A. A. Purman and R. F. Downey, all of Waynesburg.

Rinehart walked into the court room as the court called the opening of the December term. With him were his four co-accused of whom W. S. Anderson of Youngstown O. is the chief, being assisted by Attorneys A. F. Silveus and J. W. Ray of Waynesburg and Attorney F. P. Jans of Pittsburgh.

The indictment charges Rinehart with forging a certain resolution purporting to be a resolution of the Farmers and Drivers National Bank of Waynesburg, authorizing the renewal of a certain note on the Readville National Bank of Readville Pa., in the sum of \$5,000, with intent to defraud the Readville National Bank and the Farmers and Drivers National Bank.

Mrs. Stehle's Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. Amelia Stehle took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of her brother-in-law, Dr. R. Reagan on East Murphy avenue. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. E. B. Burgess, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

PRODUCTION.			
For the week ending Saturday, December 6, 1908.			
District	Output	Market	Market
Connellsville	12,500	12,500	12,500
Conneautville	12,500	12,500	12,500
Total	25,000	25,000	25,000
MANUFACTURED.			
District	Output	Market	Market
Connellsville	12,500	12,500	12,500
Conneautville	12,500	12,500	12,500
Total	25,000	25,000	25,000

SHIPMENTS.			
Aggregate from both regions in cars for the week ending December 6, 1908.			
To Pittsburgh District	12,500	12,500	12,500
To Conneautville District	12,500	12,500	12,500
Total	25,000	25,000	25,000

PREVIOUS WEEK.			
District	Output	Market	Market
Connellsville	12,500	12,500	12,500
Conneautville	12,500	12,500	12,500
Total	25,000	25,000	25,000

## WILL DISPENSE CHARITY SANELY.

Charity Committee Holds a Meeting and Gets in Shape for Work.

### MUCH INDISCRIMINATE GIVING.

Some Good Done by It But People Have Been Taken Advantage of—1,000 Red Cross Stamps to Be Purchased for Tuberculosis Fight.

A well attended and very interesting meeting of the newly appointed Charity Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon in the chamber quarters. Rev. C. M. Watson was in the chair and J. C. Munson was Secretary of the meeting.

After relating practical needs as answered in the community it was apparent that while much good had been done, much harm had also come from indiscriminate giving. The talks were by Burgess A. D. Solson, E. W. Horner, Prof. W. S. Deffenbaugh, S. M. Goodman and James Munson. The sense of the meeting was voiced in a motion by Rev. B. B. Burgess, that the chair act as chairman of a committee which shall appoint consulting of four men and two ladies, who besides cooperating with existing charity committees, will investigate and answer all worthy appeals for aid.

The committee arranged for the purchase of 1,000 Red Cross Christmas stamps to be sold in town. Professor Deffenbaugh was made a committee of one to arrange with the different charity committees of the organizations of town looking toward who will act as a Discharge House Committee for the charity done in our community.

This committee appointed by Rev. Watson is as follows: Mrs. W. P. Clarke, Mrs. J. French Kerr, John Duggan, James Munson, Samuel Goodman and Captain R. L. Pope of the Salvation Army. A meeting of this committee will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

### SMITHFIELD BOY KILLED.

James Huhn Run Over by a Train at East Pittsburgh Last Evening. SMITHFIELD, Dec. 9.—Word was received here this morning that James Huhn, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Huhn, of this place, had been run over and killed by a railroad train at East Pittsburgh last night. No particulars accompanied the message. Charles Huhn, a well-known railroad engineer of this place, went to Pittsburgh this morning to accompany the remains to Smithfield. The unfortunate young man was 25 years old and single.

**Elks Meeting Tonight.** The Elks will hold a special meeting at the home tonight and all members are requested to be on hand. Special business is to be conducted.

**The Weather.** Snow flurries tonight. Thursday generally fair with slight changes in temperature.

try, outside of the pig iron producing belts of Pittsburgh and Chicago.

Coke makers are still watching the pig iron centers closely. The situation at iron centers remains quiet as is generally the case near the holiday season, but in all directions iron and steel prices remain firm and the volume of that trade is gradually swelling. Reports during the week that an alleged break between the steel rail makers and the railroads on the price question had been healed and that the railroads had decided how to divide their rail tonnage for next year, lack confirmation. There has been no special break between these interests, many of them, being intimately associated through business relations. Annually the question of rail prices is one that naturally comes up between these interests and after it is settled the railroads place their orders with the assurance that all roads are being treated alike on the price question. Thus far it does not appear that any decision has been reached. It is believed, however, that present rail prices will continue as the United States Steel Corporation, the biggest maker of rails, has taken a firm stand on the price question, with smaller concerns following suit. Rails will probably remain at \$28 per ton for standard sections. It is likely, however, that rail orders totalling several hundred thousand tons will be placed within the next 30 days. Coke prices remain firm and unchanged, furnace coke \$19.90 to \$20.00, foundry \$22.25, with little spot coke in sight.

**WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 8.**—The Bessemer Coke Company which has had 100 ovens in operation at their works near this place for some time, will soon have 100 more completed. J. R. Bennett has been awarded the contract for 100 ovens and is rapidly pushing the work at Blaco, one mile east of Clarksville. The coke here is of a good quality and daily carloads of it are being shipped away. The Pennsylvania railroad has filed its bond for the removal of the public highway, beginning at the west side of the Blaco miles near the narrow gauge line, and extending eastward toward Millboro, through the Horner farm to the intersection of the Rices Landing road with the Clarksville and Millboro road.

The new road will be constructed on the south side of the railroad which will do away with two railroad crossings including the dangerous grade crossing below the Hiram Horner farm, which was aided in the Washington county town in a suit of the East Bethlehem township road supervisors and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

## WILL EXTEND VALLEY ROAD TO JONES' MILLS.

Said That Plans Are Well Under Way to Push Further Work on Indian Creek Valley Railway.

### PLANS ARE WELL UNDER WAY.

For an extension of the Indian Creek Valley Railway from its present terminus at Rogers' Mills to Jones' Mills. This is another step in the ultimate intention to extend the road to Light.

The next extension, it is said, will tap the rich coal fields of the Indian Creek Valley Coal & Coke Company, in which D. B. Zimmerman and the Mellons of Pittsburgh are said to be interested. This coal has been practically worthless heretofore because of the total lack of shipping facilities. The railroad, of which Charles E. Hood of Connelville is president, will afford an outlet for coal mined on this property and will result in its development.

**EDWARDS DIDN'T LOSE HIS MONEY.**

Andrew Sweeney Under Suspicion of Having Robbed Him is Promptly Discharged by the Burgess.

It developed in police court that John Edwards didn't lose any money while locked in a cell Tuesday night but that he had turned the money over to Dennis Johnson, the local pugilist, for safe keeping.

John slept off his fog and was released yesterday morning but upon receiving the money from Johnson proceeded to take on more liquor than he could safely handle. He was arrested by Officer John Lowe after accumulating the worst kind of a jag. This morning Edwards was roundly censured by Burgess Solson and committed for 48 hours. Andrew Sweeney, who was suspected of having taken the money from Edwards, was immediately discharged from custody.

**In the Common Class.** Thomas Komer of Pittsburgh was arrested for public intoxication by Officer Evans and got 48 hours in police court this morning.

### RIVER STATIONARY.

Owing to the cold weather the river is stationary.

## POLITICAL POT HAS STARTED TO BOIL AND CANDIDATES LOOMING UP.

James W. Buttermore Said to Be The Democratic Moses Who Will Attempt to Lead Party to Success.

### BROWN'S IN TOWN.

Will Remain Here 72 Hours As Guest of Chief Rottler.

Frank Brown of Martinsburg, Va., was arrested by Constable J. W. Mitchell last night and this morning Constable Charles Wilson told Burgess Solson that the prisoner had been causing a disturbance in a local bar.

Brown was also charged with begging money on the street. He is colored but denied relationship to "Snake" Brown or "Sugarfoot" Brown, both of whom frequent the coke ovens. It is said. He was given 72 hours upon his failure to produce the \$5 fine.

## BESSEMER COMPANY LETS OVEN CONTRACT.

J. R. Bennett To Erect 100 Ovens at Blaco, Near Clarksville in Washington County.

The principal developments of the past week have been the boomlets among the Democrats for James W. Buttermore as a candidate for Burgess. Mr. Buttermore is Chief Musician of the Tenth Regiment Band. He professes not to be a candidate, but he has evidenced an interest in the limit set by the primary law for filing nomination papers. He claims to have troubles enough but there are many who believe his name will be submitted to the Democratic voters at the primary.

The organization Democrats are weighing carefully the merits of Buttermore's candidacy. While he has always been a Democrat and for one term sat in Town Council, he has of late years taken little interest in politics.

John Irwin will likely be a candidate and he claims to have a personal following which will make that of any other aspirant look insignificant. John H. Doyle is also mentioned in connection with the office and he has a lot of friends who would go out of their way to vote for him.

If the Democratic leaders had the choice they would pick John Dean. But Dean sidestepped their overtures and finally in the game told them he was out of it. The Democrats believe Dean would have made a strong candidate but all efforts to persuade him to take the nomination failed.

J. B. Kirtz and Charles C. Mitchell are the only avowed candidates on the Republican ticket, but others are working quietly and will announce their determination to run before many days. Among these are said to be B. P. Wallace, J. L. Evans and John E. Jones, former Chief of Police.

A hot fight is anticipated among the Second Ward Democrats when a successor to the seat now occupied by T. J. Brennan is chosen. Brennan is out to succeed himself while he will be opposed at the primary by Q. L. Pore. Both men are employed by the Baltimore & Ohio and the railroad vote would likely split. Pore claims to have the German vote with him, which is big in that ward, while those of Irish extraction are said to favor Brennan. But the nomination may not be equivalent to the election as James C. Munson may be placed in the running by the Republicans. The Second Ward voters have been exercising considerable independence in the selection of their Councilmen, and the ward is not solidly Democratic by any means.

**ARE NOT ALLOWED TOO MANY BATHS.**

Have to Do It on the Jump and Very Quietly at Berlin During the Drouth.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—The water famine in this section has been especially severe during the past few weeks and of late there has been no little suffering as a consequence of the stringent regulations of the Somerset Water Company governing the use of water supplied the borough. Berlin depends upon this company for its supply.

For the past few weeks the water has been turned on but one hour each day, at which time the residents are expected to draw just enough for their needs until the next allotment.

This order has caused no little annoyance, especially as Berlin people as a rule adhere strictly to the rule that "cleanliness is next to Godliness." Since the hour-a-day rule went into effect baths have been unknown and relief from the drouth will be hailed with delight.



## In Social Circles.

**Christian Endeavor Society Meets.**  
Well attended was the regular meeting of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of the United Brethren Church held last evening at the home of John Kooser on Gallatin avenue. During the business session an offering was taken for the Beaver Falls Mission Church.

The following literary program was carried out: Recitations, Misses Myrtle Reese and Mary Bridgman; readings, Leo Hodder and Mrs. A. L. Funk; extemporaneous talks, "The City Dials," by John Kooser, and "Physical Exercise," by Rev. A. L. Funk and Anthony Gintone, periodical editor, Mable Reese; assistant editor, Lillian Bridgman. Letters to Santa Claus were read by Miss Hilda Bridgman. A social hour and refreshments followed the program.

**With the Padre Players.**  
All members but one were present last evening at the regular meeting of the Young People's Club held at the home of Dr. E. S. McKee in New Haven. Roy Hessel played for Robert Feltz, the absentee member. The result is as follows:

Name	Wn. Let. Pot.	Score
A. T. Wright	1	355
H. M. Bell	2	323
R. S. McKee	3	307
C. H. Hyatt	4	329
E. C. Moore	5	309
W. L. Wright	6	360
Robert Feltz	7	443
H. E. Schenck	8	451
C. W. Downs	9	448
D. B. Fawcett	10	444
P. W. Wright	11	393
J. M. Young	12	354

**Mrs. Anna Eliza Morris.** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morris of Uniontown and Luke C. Wood, of North Union township, were united in marriage last evening at the home of the bride, Rev. I. K. Wismar officiating. Following a wedding dinner the young couple left for Conneville and boarded a train for Pittsburg. The bride was accompanied by Jones and Henderson.

**Mrs. Lyon Hestess.**  
Covers for 12 were laid at a 6 o'clock dinner given last evening by Mrs. J. A. Lyon at her home on East Main street. Carnations interspersed with asparagus formed the centerpiece. The out of town guest present was Mrs. Druller of Dawson.

**Bridge Party.**  
Mrs. J. Donald Porter has issued invitations for a bridge party to be given Saturday afternoon at her home on East Green street. The hours are from 2:30 until 5 o'clock. The affair is the first of a series of bridge parties planned by Mrs. J. Porter.

**Missionary Society Will Meet.**  
The regular meeting of the Women's Missionary and Home Association of the Trinity Lutheran Church will be held tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Clotelly on East Main street. A large attendance is desired.

**Veterans to Elect Officers.**  
The regular monthly meeting of the William F. Kurtz Post, No. 105, G. A. R. will be held this evening in Rutledge hall. The meeting is an important one and all members are urged to attend. The annual election of officers will take place.

**Important Meeting.**  
The annual election and installation of officers will take place tomorrow afternoon at the regular meeting of the Ladies Circle, No. 100, G. A. R. to be held in Old Fellows hall. A large attendance is desired.

**Macabees Will Elect Officers.**  
The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies of the Macabees will be held this evening in Old Fellows hall. The annual election of officers will take place and all members are requested to attend.

**L. C. B. A. Will Meet.**  
The regular meeting of the L. C. B. A. of the Immaculate Conception Church will be held this evening in Solomon's hall. All members are requested to attend.

## GOOD ADVICE.

**A Leading Bank Makes a Wise Suggestion to Christmas Shoppers.**  
In another column The First National Bank of Conneville, in an advertisement, calls attention to the fact that the people of Conneville would do well to patronize our home merchants as far as possible in making their Christmas purchases. This is a good advice. Very often money is sent away for things that could be purchased just as cheaply here, and some other city reaps the benefit of trade that legitimately belongs in Conneville. The First National keeps a watchful eye on the commercial interests of this community and is truly entitled to be known as "The Bank That Does Things For You."

## ALOYSIUS COLL LEAVES.

**Will Join Brother Raymond Coll at Douglas, Arizona.**  
Aloysius Coll, who has attained no little prominence in the world of letters through the medium of verse and prose, left last night for Douglas, Ariz., where he will take up active newspaper work again.  
Mr. Coll will be associated with his brother, Raymond S. Coll, former city editor of The Courier, in publishing the Douglas Dispatch, the pioneer daily of that city and one of the most prosperous publications of the Territory, which will likely be admitted to statehood in the near future.

**The Clerk at Dawson.**  
Burgess Harry Cochran of Dawson is the proud father of a bright little girl that came on Monday.

## SENSATIONAL SHOOTING.

**Adrian Vonplank Perhaps Fatally Shot byirate Muskmans.**  
BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—A sensational shooting affray which may result fatally to Adrian Vonplank, an actor, precipitated a panic in the Grand Hotel here today.  
E. N. Blacker, a wealthy resident, claims to have discovered his wife in company of the Theatopian. In the ensuing struggle the actor was shot in the neck, breast and back. The last bullet paralyzed his extremities.

## CONFERENCE IS LARGELY ATTENDED.

**Nearly Every Church in Southwestern Pennsylvania is Represented at the Uniontown Meeting.**

Nearly every Baptist in Southwestern Pennsylvania is represented by delegates at the Baptist conference which convened yesterday in the Great Bethel Baptist Church at Uniontown. Two very interesting sessions were held. Prominent instructors were present. The evening session was presided over by Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen.

Talks were given by Dr. Jacob Salinger, Rev. M. D. Eubank, D. D. Rev. Homer Eddy of Uniontown, Rev. C. A. Cook, D. D. of Bloomfield, N. J., and Rev. E. C. Kunkle, of Scotland, and Rev. C. W. Haines of Mt. Pleasant.  
Rev. Kunkle in speaking of the stewardship, said that the Northern Baptist convention has planned to raise \$1,000,000 the next year to be divided among the three national societies as follows: American Baptist Mission Union, \$767,000; American Baptist Home Mission Society, \$588,220; and American Baptist Publication Society, \$144,780. The amount signed to the Monongahela Association is \$1,777. The conference will be concluded until this evening.

## VETERAN RAILROAD MAN'S VISIT HERE.

**William B. Sheets, Who Was David Randolph's Conductor Spent Several Days As His Guest.**

After a very pleasant visit with David Randolph of Crawford avenue, William B. Sheets returned to his home in Harrisburg yesterday afternoon. "While very close friends Mr. Randolph and Mr. Sheets have not met for 30 years. Thirty-five years ago Mr. Sheets was Mr. Randolph's conductor, running out of Harrisburg to Sunbury."  
Mr. Sheets is a veteran of the Civil war, being a member of the 18th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He is living retired and is on the Pennsylvania Railroad pension list. He is now 70 years old and made a special trip here to visit his old friend. The reunion was a most pleasant one and during his stay here many reminiscences of their railroad days were related.

## BUTTER AND EGGS ARE GOING SKYWARD.

**Eggs Up to 40 Cents a Dozen, and Butter Dangerously Near That Price Per Pound.**

With the "drop in the mercury" has come a rise in the price of butter and eggs, both of which necessities are gradually soaring out of reach. Country eggs, what few can be secured, are bringing 40 cents a dozen, while the cold storage variety are quoted from 35 to 38 cents.  
Creamery butter is selling at 35 cents a pound, but an increase in this figure is anticipated before many weeks. It is thought by many that record prices will be demanded for these commodities before the winter is over.

## BEMIES IS OUT.

**Redstone's Presbytery Would Not Head Church Appeal and Suspended Him.**  
UNIONTOWN, Dec. 9.—Rev. C. O. Bemies lost out in his fight with the Redstone Presbytery yesterday and turned over his credentials to that body. For a year he will be on probation, and at the end of that time the Presbytery may decide either to re-instate or expel him.  
The McClellandtown congregation has signified its intention to welcome no other minister, and the filling of his pulpit is causing the Presbytery no little embarrassment.

**Sixteen Days Until Christmas.**  
The uppermost thought is what shall you give. To you, Mr. Rent Payer, we say, present your family with a new home on Christmas morning. Impossible? NO, for we will help you do it. We have three houses, brand-new, on Sycamore street, the most desirable location, obtainable. They are out of the ordinary, artistic in design, roomy and convenient, well and substantially built, and in every respect the houses that you want.  
We can't begin to explain all about them in this way, but we will gladly take you to see, for yourself, if you'll call, and while you're here, we'll show you how it will be possible for you to present those dependent upon you with the one real Christmas gift.  
**WHY PAY RENT?**  
Connellsville Construction Company, Contractors, Builders, Painters, 402 First National Bank Building.

## TEACHERS' MONTHLY MEETING THURSDAY.

**Rev. Ellis B. Burgess Will Discuss "Religion and the Public Schools." Public is Invited.**

Before the general teachers' meeting in the High School building Thursday afternoon Rev. Ellis B. Burgess will deliver an address on "Religion and the Public Schools." The meeting will begin at 3 o'clock and practically all the teachers in the borough will attend.  
These monthly meetings have met with success since their inception and are frequently attended by others interested. Principal W. S. Deffenbaugh stated this morning that the general public is cordially invited to attend.

At the last meeting Dr. W. J. Bailey delivered an interesting talk, and from time to time prominent business and professional men of town will be asked to speak on some topic of interest.

## EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS.

**Washington Ward Named Worthy President of Local Aerie Last Night.**  
The annual election of officers of Connellsville Aerie No. 493, F. O. E. took place last night in Eagles hall. There were no contests for office and the election passed off very quietly. The following officers were chosen for the year:  
Worthy President, Washington Ward; Worthy Vice President, Samuel T. Goodwin; Worthy Chaplain, W. H. Towsey; Worthy Secretary, E. F. Kessler; Worthy Treasurer, Charles Triphett; Inside Guard, J. I. Fornwalt; Outside Guard, W. H. Lowe; Trustee, Mark Mace; Aerie Physician, Dr. A. J. Colburn.

## CALL BOYS GOT.

**Cumberland Rumor Says Telephone Will Support Theatricals.**  
The Cumberland Daily News says: There is a rumor in railroad circles to the effect that the B. & O. officials have a plan to do away with the present system of having call-boys to notify crews when to report to take out trains. The plan is for the company to have telephones placed in each railroad man's residence or boarding house and use the telephone instead of sending a call boy. This plan is understood, will require the men to pay a small sum each month for the use of the telephone.

## REQUEST GRANTED.

**George Matthews of Somerset County Wanted To Be Locked Up.**  
George Matthews, whose name is up on the Confluence & Oakland branch, surprised Burgess Solson and spectators at police court this morning by asking to be locked up until tomorrow morning.  
Needless to say he was recommended. Matthews was somewhat intoxicated.

**Money For Christmas.**  
How many of the children are there on your list who wouldn't rather have a bank book knowing the deposit of \$1 to their credit than some Jim-crock that wouldn't be worth 25 cents a few days after Christmas? Start savings accounts for them all. You can add a little each week and then have to collect the youngsters in thrift. Four per cent interest paid on such accounts at the Citizens National Bank, Connellsville, Pa.

**Try Them.**  
Try our classified advertisements, only one cent a word.

## Local and Personal Mention.

**Mrs. L. S. Kitchner** of Dunbar was shopping in town yesterday.  
**Mrs. J. H. Weaver** is visiting relatives in Conneville.  
**Miss Ella Berger**, who has been ill of pneumonia at her home on Main street for the past several weeks, is convalescing.  
**Get your Xmas candy** at Artman's.  
**David Newcomer** of Morgan Station was in town yesterday on business.  
**Miss Alberta Schuyler** left this morning for Bedford, Pa., where she will visit friends for a few days. This evening she will attend a Masonic banquet.  
**Mrs. Ira Deal** of Murphy avenue was guest of Mrs. A. J. Cochran of Dawson yesterday.  
**Wright-Meteler Company's** store will remain open evenings from now to Christmas until 8 o'clock.  
**Miss Pearl Conway** of Scotland was the guest of friends here yesterday.  
**Mr. A. E. Bitt** was a business visitor in Uniontown yesterday.  
**Mrs. Roy Rist** of Dawson was in town yesterday.  
**Miss Ellen Edgwell** visited friends in Uniontown yesterday.  
**Mrs. T. J. Jamison** has returned home from a visit with relatives in Wheeling, W. Va.  
**Passenger** pictures and fancy wares baskets, etc., at Artman's.  
**Mr. and Mrs. C. Barlow** of Buckhannon, W. Va., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wright, have gone to Pittsburg to visit friends for a few days.  
**Burgess G. A. Markie** of New Haven and son, Howard, returned home yesterday afternoon from Pittsburg where the latter has been located for some time. He is just recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.  
**Dr. S. D. Woods** was in Pittsburg yesterday on business.  
**One-fourth** of an all trimmed hata, McFarland's.  
**Miss Jennie E. Kist**, District Deputy, of the Daughters of Rebekah, went to Uniontown this afternoon and this evening will install the officers of the Rebekah Lodge at that place.  
**Mrs. Frank Murphy** of Dawson was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Page, yesterday.  
**Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Deppenschmidt** of Pittsburg visited friends here yesterday.  
**Mr. and Mrs. Clair Stillwagon** and

**DELANAY SMITH, EDITOR, WHOM ROOSEVELT SCORED.**



Delaney Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, came in for a bitter assignment from President Roosevelt in a letter written to William Dudley Foulke and given out for publication December 7. Comments in the News on the purchase of the Panama Canal were brought to the President's attention by Mr. Foulke, and in his reply Mr. Roosevelt accused Mr. Smith of deliberate falsehood. The letter was one of the most caustic that ever emanated from the White House, the President using the "shorter and uglier word" in his reference to the News' statements.

two children, William and Alphonse, went to Pittsburg yesterday afternoon to visit for a few days on business. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Enos of Pennsylvania were Connellsville visitors yesterday.

A full line of holiday goods at right prices. Artman's.  
Mrs. Lida Galvies of Scotland was in town yesterday afternoon way to Dawson to visit her daughter, Mrs. Roy Rist.  
Mrs. J. S. Laughrey of Dawson was shopping in town yesterday.  
Miss Anna Gilman of Laitreba was in town Monday on business.  
Mrs. J. C. Gilman of Laitreba has returned home after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Solson.

**FILES OUBLED IN A TOWN DAYS.**  
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## NEW HAVEN.

**Local Matters from the Slater Borough Across the Valley.**  
Mrs. John Hoop of Main street was called to California, Pa., yesterday by the death of her little granddaughter, Sarah Ellen, born in 1902.  
Miss Margaret Deenan of Dunbar was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Luffey, last evening.  
Wright-Meteler Company's store will remain open evenings from now to Christmas until 8 o'clock.  
Mrs. J. H. Weaver of Conneville was the guest of Miss Rose Sawyer last evening.  
Orville Hixenbaugh of Perryopolis was in town yesterday on business.  
Miss Myrtle Kincaid of Ellettsville is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of our Pittsburg.  
Policeman and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien were in Uniontown yesterday on business.  
Samuel Campbell of New Salem was the guest of Caleb Campbell of Main street yesterday. He was here to see his sister, Mrs. Henderson, a patient at the Cottage State Hospital.  
Britt & Seary, the plumbers, are moving their place of business from the Dugan block on Main street to Third street. Miss Katherine Walton, formerly clerk for Miss Florence Smith, is opening a store in the store room, when vacated by Britt & Seary.  
M. Rull was in Uniontown yesterday on business.  
Mrs. James Smith of Dunbar was shopping in town yesterday.  
Miss Ruth Miller has returned home from a visit with friends and relatives in New Haven.  
Mrs. John McCarthy of Dunbar was shopping in town yesterday.



## Comparisons Are Odious!

**And yet it seems necessary for us to make them.**

How can we induce you to try P. & G. Naphtha Soap unless we can make you realize that it is better than the soap you are now using?

And how can we do that unless we make comparisons?

And so, whether we like it or not, we must say and we must keep on saying:

P. & G. Naphtha Soap is better than any other naphtha soap.

It is better than ANY laundry soap.

It saves time, trouble, fuel and money.

It makes clothes cleaner, sweeter, brighter, whiter than any other soap, no matter where its name or what its name.

5 cents a cake, worth more.



**WHAT** could make a more admirable Christmas Gift than a carefully selected piece of Diamond Jewellery? Unmatchable beauty, combined with the security of investment of a gilt-edged bond, with daily interest paid by the joy of possession. We have a large variety of designs.

The lover of beautiful gems will appreciate our superb and matchless collection of precious stones, mounted and unmounted, a display worthy of careful inspection, and at prices to meet your approval. We solicit a personal inspection.

Fickle as fashion is, she never frowns on Diamonds. They are always in style, always desirable and always a safe investment. We have a beautiful and artistic collection.

When we sell Diamonds, we invite comparisons of quality and prices and feel absolutely certain that we can give you the greatest possible value for the amount you wish to pay.

We buy our diamonds direct from headquarters thereby obtaining the finest and most perfectly cut stones at a minimum of cost. This advantage is reflected in our prices.

Distinguishing features which always give class to our styles—the distinct expression of refinement which gains for our designs the preference over others have never been so clearly indicated in all the details as shown in our superb collection of choice artistic Holiday Jewellery. We have many designs to select from.

**OUR LARGE NEW ILLUSTRATED CATALOG FREE.**  
Call or Write for it—Today. It will be of considerable service to you in suggesting suitable articles for gifts.

**STORE OPEN EVENINGS Until Christmas**  
Make Your Selections Early. We will Put Them Away Until Wanted.

**MAIL ORDERS**  
promptly filled. Anything pictured forwarded immediately, postage prepaid, on receipt of price, and delivery guaranteed.

**A. W. BISHOP, MAIN STREET, CONNELLSVILLE, PA.**

**There is Only One "Bromo Quinine"**

**That is Laxative Bromo Quinine**

Always remember the full name. Look for this signature on every box. 25c.

**Classified Ads 1c a Word They Bring Results**

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ADVERTISING.  
THE DAILY COURIER has double the circulation of other daily newspapers in Fayette county and the Conneltsville coke region and it is better distributed for the general advertiser. It is the only paper that presents each week sworn statements of circulation. THE WEEKLY COURIER is the recognized organ of the Conneltsville coke trade. It has special value as an industrial journal and an advertising medium for such interests.

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Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared James J. Driscoll, who being duly sworn according to law, did depose and say: That he is Manager of Circulation of The Courier, a daily newspaper published in Conneltsville, Pa., and that the number of papers printed during the week ending, Saturday, December 5, 1908, was as follows:

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because he belongs to the Brotherhood of Man.

The festive weather man blows hot and cold.

President Roosevelt is for postal savings banks without the aid or consent of any other financial interest.

The industry of the bee is a matter of doubt with the boy who has been stung.

When it comes to advocating the cause of the Common People, Roosevelt has Bryan skinned.

Ambition is worthy only when well directed.

"The time for playing with our waterways is past," declares the President; and the Young Men's river promoters will join heartily in the sentiment.

Bigotry reigns where knowledge is despised.

"Woodman, spare that tree!" speaks Roosevelt.

Good roads are not to be compared with good health.

Teddy damns the demagogues with cheerful disregard of all Octopus insinuations.

Mother love covers a multitude of sins.

While he defends the rights of Labor, the President upholds the dignity of the Courts.

One of the Penalties of Prosperity. Untimely Standard.

One of the annoying evidences of rapidly increasing business occurs to travelers on the B. & O. Already it has begun to side-track passenger trains for freights and supplies, and the prospect is that it will soon be at high tide prosperity, using its passenger trains and the passenger for "shifters" at the sidings and junctions.

WANTED—JURY FOR GENERAL WORK. Apply ORRIS & HOOPER'S DRUG STORE.

WANTED—TO SUB-LET. A CONCRETE for 500 yards of masonry for cellars. For further particulars call at once on OWEN MURPHY, 600 Vine Street.

FOR RENT—TWO ROOMS FOR light housekeeping. 507 E. GREEN STREET.

FOR SALE—GENERALLY LOCATED clean and comfortable store, good location, for light party. Address X. D. Courier Office, 1000 1/2 Main Street.

FOR SALE—SMALL BRICK HOUSE and lot in South Conneltsville; cheap as an investment or as a home for workman. Address of H. F. SNYDER, The Courier office, Conneltsville, Pa.

FOUND—THEAT HAT. THE NEW ELER, is selling the best gold-filled spectacles and eye glasses for \$1 over offered. Examination free. 1014 1/2 Main Street.

LOST—\$1000 IN CURRENCY. IS hard to get but a perfect fitting all-wool suit or overcoat at \$18.15 within reach of all. Dave Cohen, tailor 16 1/2 Main Street.

It is such a waste of time to walk up one street and down another looking for a sign announcing a room to rent.

There is the classified page of this paper, say day and you will find the kind of a room you want at the price you want to pay.

The better class of people (and they are the kind with whom you want to live) do not put signs in their windows, or on their front doors. They do not want to parade their private business to their neighbors.

Want Ad in The Courier—they are sure that it will be seen by an intelligent young man or woman that they will read their room without their neighbors knowing all about their affairs.

Only the best rooms and apartments are advertised. You are always sure to see them in the columns of The Daily Courier.

## Satisfaction

The woman who wears Dorothy Dodd Shoes is always satisfied.

That they are most stylish and most up to date is conceded by all who see them.

That they are perfect in fit and give the greatest comfort, hundreds of women will testify.

In service and shape keeping they prove themselves the best shoes sold at \$3.00 and \$3.50.

Patent Plain Kid, Gun, Metal, Lace, Button, Mocha.

All styles in any weight.

Norris & Hooper's  
104 W. Main Street

## The Bijou

Will reopen under new management.

Thursday Ev'g, 10  
DECEMBER

Along with regular program we will show the latest New York sensation.

Moving Pictures  
That Talk.

This is not a machine but a company of high class dramatic people, featuring such plays as "A Christmas Adoption" and other late successes.

ADMISSION FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, Adults 10, Children under 12, 5c.

## CONNELLSVILLE UNIONTOWN, GREENSBURG.

## The Story of Our Tailoring Is Told in Few Words:

We make to order and measure only, to fit and to satisfy. We carry no ready-made.

Our goods come straight from the mills, in mill lots, at mill prices.

We have the biggest tailor stores in Conneltsville, Greensburg and Uniontown.

We make as quickly as you need and for about the prices you would pay for ready-made.

We make in much less time than any other good tailor, and for about half his prices. And we guarantee.

All clothes made by us pressed and kept in repair free of charge for one year.

THE MOSS TAILORING COMPANY,  
147 W. Main St., Second Block  
B. M. MOSS, Mgr.

## DONN'S CASH STORES.

129, 131 and 133 N. Pittsburg Street, CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

WEATHER FORECAST.  
Western Pennsylvania.—Partly cloudy on Wednesday and Thursday, with snow flurries near the lake.

## CHRISTMAS.

What are you going to give and what have you yet to buy to make your gift list complete? Can we help you with any suggestions? You of course want to give gifts that will be acceptable, also useful. Don't you think this is the kind of a store you ought to come to in order to buy that sort of gifts? We invite you to visit this store as often as you can from now on until Christmas. You'll find it much more convenient to do as much as possible of your shopping during the morning hours. Especially do we invite every man in this vicinity to visit this store. Because it is a woman's store the men will find it the very best place to come to buy presents for their women folks. Comfortable people here to help and advise every man that comes.

## TABLE LINEN AND KITCHEN SETS.

No woman ever had more linen than she wanted. You'll be perfectly safe in deciding on table linen of some kind. Linen prices here start at \$1.00 the yard for 72 inch linen beautiful patterns and beautiful linen. Napkins to match from \$3.50 the dozen and up. Linen sets from \$5.00 up to \$20.

## DOROTHY DAINY RIBBONS.

Finest gift you could think of giving. Ribbons are of best quality silk. Pretty colors, neatly boxed. Ribbon sets start at \$2.25 for set of six ribbons and from that on up to \$3.75 and \$4.00. These last ribbons have cash to match.

## HANDKERCHIEFS.

Study what to give as long as you want to, and then settle on handkerchiefs and you'll not be far wrong. No matter who the gift is for man or woman, boy or girl, your gift of handkerchiefs will be appreciated. We've an assortment of handkerchiefs here now from 5 cents up to \$2.00 each that's worth seeing.

## GLOVES.

We'll exchange for the right size after Christmas if you make a mistake in choosing the size now. Centimeter kid gloves at \$2.00 the pair. Black and colors and we've now the best \$1.00 glove that we know about, all the good colors, including black and a dollar glove that this store stands back of and recommends.

## KEISER NECKWEAR.

The name Kaiser means that it is hand made and of the finest material in the neatest of patterns. One case full of these here now. Novelties that you'll not find shown elsewhere in this vicinity.

## SHOPPING BAGS, PURSES AND BELTS.

The largest and best collection of these we have ever had to show. Something at almost any price you care to pay from 50 cents up to \$10 and \$15 for the more expensive shopping bags. You'll have more to choose from and more to see now than later on.

## FURS.

We're showing here now of some pretty fur scarfs and mufflers that can't help but please you in choosing gifts. You ought to do your choosing as soon as possible. Chances are you'll not find the kind you want no matter where you go in the last few days just before Christmas.

## CHILDREN'S COATS.

Now is the time to do your choosing. Plenty here to choose from especially in sizes 8, 10, 12 and 14. Pick out the sizes you want in the material and color you want and we'll deliver it any time you say up until Christmas Eve. Could you think of a better gift for a child than a good warm coat?

## DRESS GOODS AND SILKS.

Lots of men have already paid a visit to this dress goods counter. Expect to see lots more between now and Christmas Eve. To the men who don't know we want to say that there is some one here competent to help them choose; to tell them the number of yards they ought to buy; to advise as to material, color and trimmings necessary to make their present right and complete in every way.

## HOSIERY.

Good warm stockings for women and children at 25 and 50 cents the pair. Fancy lace hose stockings at 50 cents the pair. Silk stockings at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.00 the pair. These in black and white.

## DELINEATOR.

One year's subscription to the best women's magazine published for only \$1.00. Couldn't buy more pleasure for a dollar. Best kind of a gift, for it lasts the year through.

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129, 131 and 133 N. Pittsburg Street, CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

## Useful Christmas Presents

Anticipating an advance in muslin, longcloth and nainsook, we bought for immediate delivery, the swiftest and one of the best lines of UNDERMUSLINS ever had. In other words our spring line of Undermuslins due in February. We contracted for December delivery, it is now on the shelf, just finished marking it at prices that will stand the closest comparison. Will guarantee equal to anything on the market at the price, quality considered.

## CORSET COVERS

Of muslin, longcloth or nainsook, lace and embroidery trimmed, 25c, 29c, 43c, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

## UNDERSKIRTS

Of nainsook and flannel, lace and embroidery trimmed, some with one flounce and some with two flounces, with under ruffles, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$3.95.

## GOWNS

Of muslin, nainsook, longcloth and cambric, with high neck or V neck, some with tucked yokes, others lace and embroidery trimmed; 50c, 65c, 1.00 and \$1.25.

Also Empire Gowns, lace and embroidery trimmed, \$1 to \$2.50.

## DRAWERS

Muslin drawers, some plain, others with three and four rows of tucks, others with wide and narrow ruffles, lace and embroidery trimmed; 25c, 43c, 48c, 50c, and 65c.

## For Waist Building

"TUCK, TUCK, TUCK, it's not STITCH, STITCH, STITCH" as in the song of the shirt, for we are going to save worry, time and nerves, by selling you the already stitched, tucked and almost ready to put on article at prices that will soothe the nerves, as well as suit the purse.

24 inch Tucked Eerie Net at 65c, 75c and \$1.50 the yard.  
24 inch White Allover Tucked Swiss at 35c.

TUCKED CHIFFON in plain black, and plain white, \$1 the yard.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—With upwards of 2,000 delegates in attendance, coming from nearly every State and Territory of the Union, the fifth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress was opened here today. The chief purpose of the gathering is to urge the Government to make provision annually for river and harbor work and carry it forward on a systematic scale, instead of leaving the river and harbor bill as a "pork barrel" measure with which to dump a few millions into congressional districts where it will do the most good on the eve of an election.

President Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana called the gathering to order. The business sessions of this convention will continue three days and papers and addresses will be presented covering practically every phase of the subject by men familiar with the problem of inland waterways. An elaborate program of entertainment has been arranged for the visitors.

The Congress will discuss waterway projects and harbor improvements in all parts of the country. Particular attention will be given, however, to the plans for deepening and improving the Ohio and Mississippi rivers for commercial navigation. Another leading subject of discussion will be the development of the proposed inside passage along the Atlantic coast, so that warships, scattered at different Atlantic stations, could run under shelter to rendezvous.

Foremost among the scheduled speakers at the congress are Andrew Carnegie, Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain, who will present a review of the waterways and canals of the United Kingdom and their relation to trade and commerce; Ambassador Nabuco of Brazil, Major J. A. Oakeson of the Mississippi river commission, Governor W. P. Fenn of Hawaii, Secretary of the Interior Garfield, Horace McFarland, President of the National Civic Federation; Governor N. B. Howard of Florida, who is President of the National Drainage Association; Admiral C. M. Chester, who was a delegate to the International Waterways Congress recently held in St. Petersburg, and President Samuel Compere of the American Federation of Labor, who will discuss "Labor's Interest in Waterways Development."

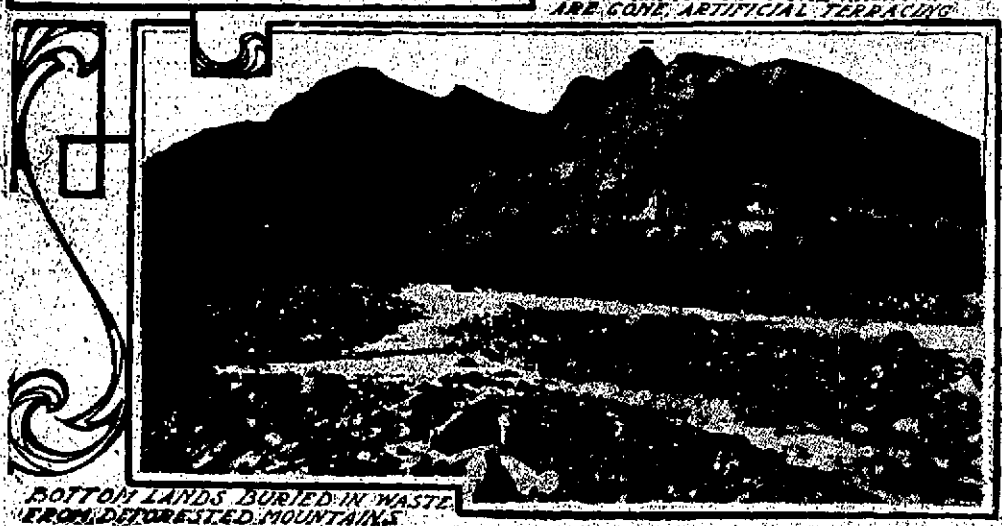
The initial session today was given over largely to welcoming the guests and organization. When this had been accomplished Secretary J. F. Elipson proceeded to read the official call for the gathering. The call was in part as follows:

"The improvements of the waterways of the Nation, which this national convention will advocate and discuss, means increased and cheapened transportation facilities for the producer and the consumer, and there is no question before the American people more worthy of their serious thought and consideration than the proper development and utilization of these natural and economic channels of trade and transportation."

"The National Rivers and Harbors Congress advocates a policy, not a project; it represents no particular section or project, but is the direct representative of all sections that have a meritorious claim for the improvement of a river, a lake, a harbor or a canal. This national organization—with delegates from every part of the Union—in national convention assembled, will advocate and stand for a broad, liberal, comprehensive policy for the improvement by the Federal Government of all waterways that have been examined and favorably reported upon by the United States Army engineers, and by them recommended to the Congress of the United States as worthy of improvement for the benefit of the commerce of the country."

"The platforms of the two great political parties have unequivocally endorsed and declared for the improvement of the waterways of the country, and by this declaration have practically approved the platform of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. The improvement of our rivers and harbors is thus taken out of the political field and placed on the roll of business questions, the solution of which is demanded by all sections and all branches of trade and commerce from their Representative in the Congress of the United States."

## PICTURES PRESIDENT SENDS TO CONGRESS IN PLEA FOR FOREST PRESERVATION.



President Roosevelt in his message to Congress again calls attention to the vital importance of protecting the forests. His message is accompanied by a series of interesting photographs showing what dire results follow when the mountains are stripped of trees. These photographs were taken in northern China by an American forest expert, and two of them are reproduced herewith. The upper illustration shows how the Chinese in the province of Shansi are trying to save the soil on the sides of denuded mountains by a system of terracing. The lower photograph shows how the bottom lands in this same province are buried in rock and sand from the mountains. In 1725 this district was a fertile agricultural section, but the removal of the timber from the mountain sides has dried up the streams, springs and wells, covered the scanty soil that the floods left with a layer of rock and sand and transformed a vast area into a desert.

### FAVOR BOND ISSUES

Recessed and Tafft Advocate That Method of Financing Improvements.  
Washington, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt and President-elect Tafft have publicly, but themselves, on record in advocacy of the issuance of government bonds for the construction of permanent public improvements to conserve the natural resources of the nation.

President-elect Tafft presided at the joint conservation meeting at the Belasco theater in this city, at which President Roosevelt made the principal address. The incumbent of the White House gave his unqualified approval for the carrying out of expert plans for the conservation of the nation's resources. The coming president, seconded by Mr. Roosevelt's "ambassadors" with hearty approval.

Governor Chamberlain of Oregon stated that he favored the advanced ground of the Democratic party in advocacy of federal jurisdiction, and an unknown which sided the theater and included: Andrew Carnegie, James J. Hill, John Mitchell, senators, congressmen and the governors of several states applauded every sentiment expressed.

The joint meeting brought together the members of the conservation commission and their helpers, the delegates to the great Southern commercial congress, the members of the river and harbor congress and others interested in working out a comprehensive plan for making the most of the lands, minerals, forests and waters.

### SHEATZ TO STAY IN RACE FOR SENATOR.

Unless He Is Asked By His Friends to Withdraw From the Race, Which New Looks Discouraging.

Harrisburg, Dec. 8.—State Treasurer John O. Sheatz made the following statement concerning the use of his name as a candidate for the United States senate.

"In reply to the many requests of my friends that I make a statement concerning the pending of my name for the United States senate, assembly by members of the general assembly I find it difficult indeed to express my surprise and appreciation and, after thanking them, declare that I shall not withdraw the use of my name unless at the request of the principals in the movement."

"On former occasions my opportunities seemed just as discouraging as they now appear to those interested in my political welfare, but who can say what the outcome will be? If the decision be against me, I will abide manfully, but should anyone else more astute me my proof of gratitude shall be my works, when, as heretofore, I will give the best that is within me."

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Concurrence of Opinion on Matter of Tariff Revision Is Understood to Have Been Brought About—Only Two Battleships.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President-elect Tafft will have an interview today with Speaker Cannon in view of Mr. Tafft's announced determination that the forthcoming revision on the tariff shall be a thorough work and that the members of the party shall be specifically performed with reference thereto, the interview between Mr. Tafft and Cannon attracts particular interest.

The concurrence of opinion between the two men on this question, which has come about by the heretofore announced positiveness of the president-elect, has led to an informal and personal understanding that both gentlemen hold similar views on this subject. The contemplated personal interview will undoubtedly decide any future uncertainty regarding the relations to heretofore exist between the president-elect and the speaker.

It has been represented to Mr. Tafft that Mr. Cannon is heartily with him in carrying out the pledges of the Republican party, and that no cause exists for the semblance of a misunderstanding. Should these representations prove correct through the test of a personal interview, it may be conceded without doubt that Mr. Tafft feels assured that his ideas respecting the tariff and other legislative promises in the platform will receive no hostile opposition from the Republican organization of the house of representatives in the State-first congress.

Only Two Battleships.  
While the house committee on naval affairs has not given formal consideration to the proposed increase in the navy, it is learned that the members of the committee stand practically the same as last winter, when an authorization for two battleships was made. That the committee will vote down the proposition of President Roosevelt for four battleships is now indicated.

The attitude of leaders in the senate, declaring for an appropriation for two battleships annually, is said to appeal to many members of the house and a majority of the membership is willing to have such a policy approved in the house. To go further than that it is claimed would endanger the passage of a satisfactory rivers and harbors bill.

Mrs. Longstreet Complimented.  
The senate confirmed the nomination of Helen D. Longstreet, widow of

the Confederate general, as postmaster at Gainesville, Ga. The action of the senate in confirming the nomination on the day it was received was a special compliment to Mrs. Longstreet.

### HYDE SENTENCED

Two Years in Penitentiary and \$10,000 Fine Is the Penalty.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Frederick A. Hyde of San Francisco, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States of large tracts of land in Oregon and Washington, has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$10,000 and to serve two years in the penitentiary at Mountville, W. Va., the maximum penalty under the law. Joseph H. Schneider of Tucson, Ariz., an employee of Hyde, convicted with him, was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to one year and two months in the penitentiary.

Both noted appeals to the district court of San Francisco, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States of \$20,000, Hyde and Schneider on \$10,000. The prosecution of Hyde and Schneider together with John A. Benson and Henry P. Diamond, who were acquitted, following the investigation of alleged wholesale irregularities in public land deals in the west, cost the government \$100,000, and the trial occupied three months.

### NATIONAL CORN SHOW OPENS IN OMAHA.

Exhibits of Cereal From All Parts of America Draw Immense Crowds to That City.

Omaha, Dec. 8.—Not since the Trans-Mississippi exposition six years ago has Omaha been called upon to accommodate such big crowds as thronged the streets today on the occasion of the opening of the National Corn exposition, which will last ten days. From all parts of the west and from many eastern states men and women interested in the growing of America's greatest cereal have come here to see what is being done to enlarge the size of the crop and enhance its value.

The city itself is fully alive to the importance of the exposition and is welcoming the visitors with outstretched hands, pointing with pride to the great efforts made in the way of decorations and accommodations to make them feel at home. On all sides is heard the declaration that "corn week" will be one of the greatest in the history of Omaha.

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# The Mystery of The Yellow Room

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## CHAPTER III.

"A Man Has Passed Like a Shadow Through the Blinds."

HALF an hour later Rouletabille and I were on the platform of the Orleans station, awaiting the departure of the train which was to take us to Epiney-sur-Orge.

On the platform we found M. de Marquet and his register, who represented the judicial court of Corbelle. M. de Marquet had spent the night in Paris, awaiting in the final rehearsal at the scene of a little play of which he was the unknown author, signing himself simply "Castigat Ridenho."

M. de Marquet was beginning to be a "noble old gentleman." Generally he was extremely polite and full of gay humor and in all his life had had but one passion—that of dramatic art.

Because of the mystery which shrouded it the case of the yellow room was certain to fascinate so theatrical a mind.

At the moment of meeting him I heard M. de Marquet say to the registrar with a sigh:

"I hope, my dear M. Mateline, this building with his pickaxe will not destroy so fine a mystery."

"Have no fear," replied M. Mateline. "His pickaxe may demolish the pavilion perhaps, but it will leave our case intact. I have sounded the walls and examined the ceiling and floor, and I know all about it. I am not to be deceived."

Having thus reassured his chief, M. Mateline, with a discreet movement of the head, drew M. de Marquet's attention to us.

"The face of that gentleman clouded, and as he saw Rouletabille approaching, hat in hand, he sprang into one of the empty carriages, saying half aloud to his registrar as he did so, 'Above all, no journalists!'"

M. Mateline replied in the same tone, "I understand," and then tried to prevent Rouletabille from entering the same compartment with the examining magistrate.

"Where are you going, then?" asked M. de Marquet.

"To the Chateau du Glandier," replied Rouletabille, without turning.

"You'll not get in, M. Rouletabille!"

"Will you prevent me?" said my friend, already prepared to fight.

"Not I! I like the press and journalists too well to be in any way disagreeable to them, but M. Stangerson has given orders for his door to be closed against everybody, and it is well guarded. Not a journalist was able to pass through the gate of the Glandier yesterday."

M. de Marquet compressed his lips and seemed ready to relapse into obstinate silence. He only relaxed a little when Rouletabille no longer left him in ignorance of the fact that we were going to the Glandier for the purpose of shaking hands with an "old and intimate friend," M. Robert Dar-

M. de Marquet, with a nervous gesture, crossed his beard into a point.

"The work of the dramatic author may interfere," he said, after a slight hesitation, "with that of the magistrate, especially in a province where one's labors are little more than routine."

"Oh, you may rely on my discretion," cried Rouletabille.

"The train was in motion."

"We have started," said the examining magistrate, surprised at seeing us still in the carriage.

"Yes, monsieur, truth has started," said Rouletabille, smiling amiably, "on his way to the Chateau du Glandier. A fine case, M. de Marquet, a fine case!"

"An obscure, incredible, unfathomable, inexplicable affair, and there is only one thing I fear, M. Rouletabille, that the journalists will be trying to explain it."

"My friend," said M. de Marquet, "that is to be feared. They meddle in everything. As for me, interest, monsieur, I only referred to it by mere chance—the mere chance of finding myself in the same train with you and in the same compartment of the same carriage."

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I may inquire of you without committing an indiscretion. You have, of course, seen the account given in the Matin? It is absurd, is it not?"

"Not in the slightest, monsieur."

"What! The yellow room has but one barred window, the bars of which have not been moved, and only one door, which had to be broken open, and the assassin was not found?"

"That's so, monsieur, that's so. That's how the matter stands."

Rouletabille said no more, but plunging into thought. A quarter of an hour thus passed.

Coming back to himself again, he said, addressing the magistrate:

"How did Mlle. Stangerson wear her hair on that evening?"

"I don't know," replied M. de Marquet.

"That's a very important point," said Rouletabille. "Her hair was done up in braids, wasn't it? I feel sure that on that evening, the evening of the crime, she had her hair arranged in braids."

"Then you are mistaken, M. Rouletabille," replied the magistrate. "Mlle. Stangerson that evening had her hair drawn up in a knot on the top of her head, her usual way of arranging it. Her forehead completely uncovered. I can assure you, for we have carefully examined the wound. There was no blood on the hair, and the arrangement of it has not been disturbed since the crime was committed."

"You are sure? You are sure that on the night of the crime she had not her hair in braids?"

"Quite sure," the magistrate continued, smiling, "because I remember the doctor saying to me while he was examining the wound: 'It is a great pity Mlle. Stangerson was in the habit of drawing her hair down from her forehead. If she had worn it in braids the blow she received on the temple would have been weakened. It seems strange to me that you should attach so much importance to this point.'"

"Oh, if she had not her hair in braids I give it up," said Rouletabille, with a despairing gesture.

"And was the wound on her temple a bid one?" he asked presently.

"Terrible."

"With what weapon was it made?"

"That is a secret of the investigation."

"Have you found the weapon—what ever it was?"

The magistrate did not answer.

"And the wound in the throat?"

Here the examining magistrate readily confirmed the decision of the doctor that, if the murderer had pressed her throat a few seconds longer, Mlle. Stangerson would have died of strangulation.

"The affair as reported in the Matin," said Rouletabille eagerly, "seems to me more and more inexplicable. Can you tell me, monsieur, how many openings there are in the pavilion? I mean doors and windows."

"There are five," replied Monsieur de Marquet, after having coughed once or twice, but no longer concealing the desire he felt to talk of the whole of the incredible mystery of the affair he was investigating. "There are five, of which the door of the vestibule is the only entrance to the pavilion—a door always automatically closed, which cannot be opened, either from the outside or inside, except with the two special keys which are never out of the possession of either Daddy Jacques or M. Stangerson. Mlle. Stangerson had no need for me, since Daddy Jacques lodged in the pavilion and, because, during the daytime, she never left her father. When they all four, rushed into the yellow room, after breaking open the door of the laboratory, the door in the vestibule remained closed as usual and of the two keys for opening it Daddy Jacques had one in his pocket and M. Stangerson the other. As to the windows of the pavilion, there are four, the one window of the yellow room and those of the laboratory looking out on to the country, the window in the vestibule looking into the park."

"It is by that window that he escaped from the pavilion," cried Rouletabille.

"How do you know that?"

"How? Oh, the thing is simple enough! As soon as he found he could not escape by the door of the laboratory, his only way out was by the window in the vestibule, unless he could pass through a grated window. The window of the yellow room is secured by iron bars, because it looks out upon the open country; the two windows of the laboratory have to be protected in like manner for the same reason. As the murderer got away, I conceive that he found a window that was not barred—that of the vestibule, which opens on to the park—that is to say, into the interior of the estate. There's not much angle in all that!"

"Yes," said M. de Marquet, "but what you have not suggested is that this single window in the vestibule, though it has no iron bars, has thick iron blinds. Now, these iron blinds have remained fastened by their iron latch, and yet we have proof that the murderer made his escape from the pavilion by that window. Traces of blood on the inside wall and on the blinds as well as on the door and footmarks, of which I have taken the measurements, attest the fact that the murderer made his escape that way. But, then, how did

he do it, seeing that the blinds remained fastened on the inside? He passed through them like a shadow. But what is more bewildering than all, is that it is impossible to form any idea as to how the murderer got out of the yellow room or how he got across the laboratory to reach the vestibule!"

"Could that window have been closed and refastened after the flight of the assassin?" asked Rouletabille.

"That," he answered to me for a moment, but it would imply an accomplice or accomplices, and I don't see."

After a short silence he added:

"Ah, if Mlle. Stangerson were only well enough today to allow of her being questioned!"

Rouletabille, following up his thought, asked:

"And the attic? There must be some opening to that?"

"Yes, there is a window or, rather, skylight in it, which, as it looks out toward the country, M. Stangerson has had barred like the rest of the windows. These bars, as in the other windows, have remained intact, and the blinds, which, naturally open inward, have not been unfastened. For the rest, we have not discovered anything to lead us to suspect that the murderer had passed through the attic."

"It seems clear to you, then, monsieur, that the murderer escaped—nobody knows how—by the window in the vestibule?"

"Everything goes to prove it."

"I think so, too," confessed Rouletabille gravely.

After a brief silence he continued:

"If you have not found any traces of the murderer in the attic, such as the dirty footmarks similar to those on the floor of the yellow room, you must come to the conclusion that it was not he who stole Daddy Jacques' revolver."

"There are no footmarks in the attic other than those of Daddy Jacques himself," said the magistrate with a significant turn of his head. Then, after an apparent decision, he added, "Daddy Jacques was with M. Stangerson in the laboratory, and it was lucky for him he was."

"Then, what part did his revolver play in the tragedy? It seems very clear that this weapon did less harm to Mlle. Stangerson than it did to the murderer."

"The magistrate made no reply to this question, which doubtless embarrassed him. 'M. Stangerson,' he said, 'tells us that the two bullets have been found in the yellow room, one embedded in the wall stained with the impression of a red hand—a man's large hand—and the other in the ceiling.'"

"Oh, oh, in the ceiling!" muttered Rouletabille. "In the ceiling? That's very curious. In the ceiling?"

He puffed awhile in silence at his pipe, arching himself in the smoke. When we reached Epiney-sur-Orge I had to tap him on the shoulder to arouse him from his dream and come on to the platform of the station.

There the magistrate and his registrar bowed to us and, by rapidly getting into a cab that was awaiting them, made us understand that they had seen enough of us.

"How long will it take to walk to the Chateau du Glandier?" Rouletabille asked one of the railway porters.

"An hour and a half or an hour and three-quarters—easy walking," the man replied.

Rouletabille looked up at the sky and, no doubt finding its appearance satisfactory, took my arm and said:

"Come but I need a walk. It was a bit of luck our falling in with that examining magistrate and his registrar, eh? What did I tell you about that revolver?"

His head was bent down, he had his hands in his pockets, and he was whistling. After awhile I heard him murmur:

"Poor woman!"

"Is it Mlle. Stangerson you are pitying?"

"Yes. She's a noble woman and worthy of being pitied—a woman of a great, a very great, character. I longed to—I longed."

"You know her, then?"

"Not at all. I have never seen her but once."

"Why, then, do you say that she is a woman of great character?"

"Because she braved the murderer, because she courageously defended herself, and, above all, because of the bullet in the ceiling."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## SENDS SPECIAL MESSAGE

President Advocates Creation of Emergency Volunteer Army by Congress.

Washington, Dec. 9.—An emergency volunteer army measure is advocated by President Roosevelt in a special message to Congress and the draft of the bill accompanying the message was introduced in the senate by Mr. Cullen.

The president says the bill is intended to replace the present law, which was placed on the statute books piecemeal and hurriedly, partly on the eve of the war with Spain and partly after hostilities had actually commenced. After declaring the present law to be faulty and wholly inadequate to a speedy and proper organization of a volunteer force the president says the bill proposed, which was drawn under supervision of the chief of staff of the army, has the hearty approval of the war department. The message says further:

"It is desirable to afford the complete machinery by which should we be confronted with a foreign war, the executive power could proceed at once to transform enthusiastic and patriotic citizens into efficient and organized soldiers. Happily there is at present no cloud upon our horizon, but that very fact affords us the best opportunity to proceed with deliberation and care in the preparation of laws adequate and indispensable for our possible war needs."

## ALLEGED NIGHT RIDERS, SIX OF WHOM FACE TRIAL FOR RANKIN TRAGEDY.



Several men charged with the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin, a prominent Tennessee citizen, near Reelfoot lake have been indicted and face trial at Union City, Tenn., this week. Six of the seven men in the accompanying picture are charged with having taken part in the Rankin murder, which occurred on the night of October 13. The prisoners are—top row, left to right—Bob Huffman, Bob Lee and Sam Applewhite; lower row, left to right—E. Clear, Tom Johnson, Garret Johnson and Sam Ransom. Alleged leader of the Night Riders, Tom Johnson, while not accused of any part in the Rankin murder, is charged with whipping a man while marching. Under the Tennessee law this is a very serious offense. Captain Rankin, the victim of the Reelfoot lake Night Riders, was a veteran of the war with Spain and was one of the best known and most highly respected men in the State.

## THEATRICAL NEWS.



Scene in "Married For Money" at the Soloman Theatre Tonight.

## "Married For Money."

The next attraction at the Soloman theatre will be Lem B. Parker's new powerful drama of contemporary American social life, entitled "Married For Money," or "The Old Wife and the New," and will be presented for the first time in this city, next Wednesday, December 9.

The play deals with a certain phase of life in some of our most social circles, and is a startling exposition of the evils consequent upon a too liberal belief in the sacredness of the marriage vow and the disregard of the sanctity of the home. The story is one of absorbing heart interest and to all lovers of the drama, it will undoubtedly prove one of the dramatic treats of the season. The four is under the direction of Clay T. Vance, who has provided a competent cast and adequate costume and scenic accessories. The engagement will be limited to one night and seats will be found on sale at the theatre. Both phones.

"The Thief."

The coming of Charles Frohman's production of "The Thief" to the Soloman theatre Saturday, matinee, and night, December 12, is perhaps the greatest dramatic event of this season here owing to the unusual prestige of this play. For ten months "The Thief" was played at the Lyceum Theatre in New York last winter, and Mr. Frohman is presenting the identical production on tour in the larger American cities.

"The Thief" as a play of rare strength and technical perfection, has become practically a household word and a standard in considering the substance and power of the modern

drama. The story concerns a cowardly wife who loves her husband in idyllic and who steals in order to hold his affection by the coquetry of her clothes. When the theft is disclosed she resorts to every subterfuge to evade detection. Finally after expiation and suffering, she admits her guilt to her friends and the play ends happily.

This rough outline only suggests the dramatic power of the play and the thrilling situations which are developed by Henri Bernstein, the author. Seats on sale Thursday morning.

Lyman H. Howe's Pictures.

There is a finesse, a perfection to Lyman H. Howe's pictures, words at best can give but a faint and inaccurate conception of the boundless variety and charm of the new program. There is an impressiveness and grandeur conveyed in it that compels the admiration of the most jaded mind. The press everywhere has accorded it spontaneous and enthusiastic praise. In the selection of subject matter it represents that deep and well matured knowledge of what the public wants which comes from years of experience.

Only Pocket of Gas Struck on the John McCune Farm.

Considerable excitement prevailed in the vicinity of Adamsville, Westmoreland county, when the Greensboro Gas Company brought in their well on the John McCune farm. The gas sand was reached at a depth of

2,500 feet and when shut in the gas pressure registered 686 pounds. The gas was immediately turned in the main line. The pressure of the well was only of short duration and in a few days went down to practically nothing. Only a pocket of gas had been struck. Drilling has been resumed and the indications are good for another strike. It is believed that the new field will prove a good one. The Greensboro Company has 3,000 acres leased adjacent to the McCune farm.

When the gas was struck last Friday great excitement prevailed and no less than six companies are in the field endeavoring to lease land. The only farm not leased in that neighborhood is that of Lehigh Gasworks and he is being offered fancy prices.

Read our advertisements carefully.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOV. 22, 1908.

For CHICAGO—8:06 P. M. daily.

For CINCINNATI, ST. LOUIS and LOUISVILLE—7:14 A. M. and 8:06 P. M. daily.

For PITTSBURG—Week days, 5:00, 7:14, 7:55, 10:15 A. M.; 3:45, 5:30, 6:45, 8:00 P. M.; Sundays, 5:00, 7:14, 7:55 A. M. and 4:30, 6:45 and 8:00 P. M.

For WASHINGTON, PA., and WHEELING—Week days, 5:00, 7:14, 7:55 A. M.; 3:45, 5:30, 6:45, 8:00 P. M.; Sundays, 5:00, 7:14 A. M. and 3:45 and 8:00 P. M.

For MT. PLEASANT—Week days, 10:35 A. M.

For UNIONTOWN—Week days, 10:00 A. M. and 6:00 P. M.; Sundays, 10:00 A. M. and 6:00 P. M.

For BUFFALO, N. Y., and CLEVELAND—7:00, 7:14, 7:55, 10:15 A. M.; 4:30, 5:30, 6:45 and 8:00 P. M.

For WASHINGTON, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, BOSTON and all points in the East—Express daily, 9:45 A. M.; 3:00, 7:44 and 11:45 P. M.

For INDIANAPOLIS—8:45 A. M. and 3:00 and 4:50 P. M. week days; 8:45 A. M. and 3:00 P. M. Sundays.

For C. & O. BRANCH POINTS—8:45 A. M. week days only.

For JOHNSTOWN and points on the S. & O. Branch—Week days, 8:45, 9:45 A. M.; 3:00 P. M.; Sundays, 8:45, 9:45 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.

For CUMBERLAND—Daily Express trains, 9:45 A. M.; 3:00, 7:44 and 11:45 P. M. daily.

For SHENANDOAH JUNCTION and points on the N. & W. E. R.—9:45 A. M.; 3:00 and 4:50 P. M. week days only.

For HARBERS FERRY and VALLEY DIVISION points—9:45 A. M.; 3:00 and 11:45 P. M. week days only.

For tickets, Pullman reservations and information concerning time of trains and connections, call at the Baltimore & Ohio Depot, Connelville, Pa. Tri-State Phone 259.

H. L. DOUGLASS, Ticket Agent. C. W. ALLEN, Trav. Pass. Agent.

H. A. CROW, General Insurance and Loan, Rooms 402-406, First National Bank Building, CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

P. S. NEWMYER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Rooms 402 and 406, First National Bank Building, Connelville, Pa.

WEAR HORNER'S CLOTHING



## SPORTS.

UNIONTOWN HERE  
SATURDAY NIGHT.

Hot Game of Basketball Will Be Played in Y. M. C. A.—Another Game With Greensburg.

The game of basketball scheduled for Saturday night between Uniontown and the Connelleville Y. M. C. A. will be the last game to be played on a Saturday. Basketball hereafter will be played on Thursday night. The game which is so popular this year, when played on Saturday, deprives many of the opportunity of attending. In order to overcome this obstacle among others, the night was changed.

Although the Y. M. C. A. lost their first game last week, in justice to the players it must be said that they played under National rules for the first time. Formerly the American Athletic Union rules were in vogue, but since every team in this section of the State plays the National rules it was necessary for the Association to drop in line. In the next game the locals will prove that they can also play National as well as the other.

The games scheduled are Saturday, December 12, Y. M. C. A. vs. Uniontown; Thursday, December 17, Y. M. C. A. vs. Superior Athletic Club of Greensburg.

CASINO MADE CLEAN  
SWEEP WITH DAWSON.

Local Pin Spillers Pile Up Big Score and Have Things All Their Way.

The Casino pin spillers of the County League put a crimp in the ambitions of the Dawson quintet on the Casino alleys last night. Casino took three straight games and high scores were the rule. Flannery, Fretts and Opperman all did better than 500 although Flannery was the only one to roll over 200 in a single game. The score follows:

Casino	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Flannery	151	128	148	427
Schmitt	174	158	170	502
Flannery	210	167	185	562
Fretts	179	175	175	529
Opperman	171	167	164	502

Dawson	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Porter	177	169	138	484
Dawson	154	170	161	485
Lottman	188	180	167	535
Stankus	181	148	179	508
Henry	136	158	122	416

Dawson	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Maloy	129	177	165	471
T. McFarland	129	172	167	468
Pierce	201	161	150	512
McGivern	212	181	209	602
Wagner	167	182	174	523

New Haven	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Young	185	168	190	543
Collins	274	178	201	653
Hobbes	273	250	212	735
Milner	151	167	147	465
Harmoning	170	185	145	498

Dawson	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Cochran	192	121	135	448
Rist	121	141	111	373
Bonner	152	128	125	405
J. C. McGill	176	107	141	424
Henry	132	147	159	438

Vanderbilt	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Ritenour	154	167	198	519
Tollock	116	91	118	325
Reed	137	121	144	402
Leely	80	...	...	...
Sweeney	138	106	238	482
Madigan	128	91	118	337

Additional sporting news on page five.

## SOISSON THEATRE

Wednesday, 9th  
DECEMBER

CLAY T. VANCE Presents  
An American Drama of Today

MARRIED  
FOR  
MONEY

or The Old Wife and The New

By LEM B. PARKER.

SEE How the Government Prosecutes the Trust.  
How the Rich Obtain Divorces  
How a Trust Can Bust.

STANTLING SCENES,  
STRONG CAST.

PRICES:  
25, 35, 50 and 75cts.

Seats on sale at Theatre. Both  
Phones.

## OPENING OF TOYLAND

This Establishment in Accord with the Usual Custom Will Remain Open Until 8 o'clock P. M. Daily from Now Until Christmas.

OLD Santa Claus has again thrown open the doors of Toyland revealing his big workshop with its hosts of bright new toys that it has taken him a whole year to make. The old fellow has not been idle by any means as is amply shown by the many new toys that you'll see. Our big basement will be one whirl of excitement and joy for the little folks from now until Christmas eve. So many things to see. The buzz and whirl of mechanical toys, the cows that moo, the donkeys that shake their heads. Then there's the doll houses, kitchens and parlors completely furnished. Beautiful dolls handsomely dressed, and a whole colony of Teddy bears. Parents of children can find enjoyment too in the queer antics of some of the new mechanical toys, and it's a real pleasure too, to watch the faces of the little ones as they roam from table to table drinking in the wonderful sights with glowing eyes, eager for Christmas to come and give into their possession to toys they will dream of from now until then.

Santa Claus has chosen our big basement as his headquarters. He wants every child in this section to visit the fine display he has made. Every toy is bright and new. Santa Claus never carries over toys from a past season. Our entire Basement has been given over to Toyland; tables, aisles, counters, everywhere are toys. The completeness and scope of the display is attracting immense crowds. It's a sight worth seeing and decidedly attractive to parents as viewed from a standpoint of economy.

The Finishing  
Touch of Winter  
Apparel

Is the Muffler.

They are here in exquisite quality of fabric and ultra patterns, shown in every desirable style of make-up. We will box them individually for you in a neat Christmas box in holly design. The one shown in the picture above is the realer design, probably favored above most other kinds, though the squares are being demanded by many who know. Mufflers are among the best selling "gift things" for men, assortments are now at their best. Why not choose while there is wide latitude of selection.

SQUARES PRICED, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2 AND \$2.50.

REEFERS PRICED, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 AND \$3.

## Of Course You've Thought of Handkerchiefs

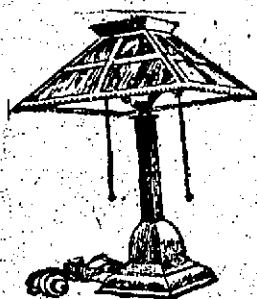
We've Thought of Savings to You.

Suitable as gifts for men, women and children. We present them in every variety. If you wish to present a half dozen, they're here, nicely boxed, plain or initialed, white or popular colorings. We present them priced from 5c to \$5.00, each in women's handkerchiefs; men's from 5c to 50c; children's handkerchiefs boxed in many new and novel ways. Our handkerchief store is at its best.

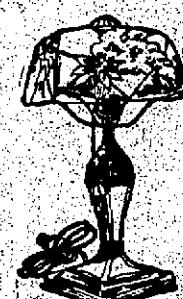
## Passepartouts

10c

These are in attractive subjects and would form admirable gift for Sunday school classes, or other groups where many little remembrances are required. These are in mattoos or sketches as you prefer.

Our Christmas Lamp Store a  
Sumptuous Array.

Never within the history of our merchandising have we presented such a splendid collection of lamps. Lamps are here to meet every particular kind of interior decorative scheme, bases of bronze, old brass and many of them exclusively shown by us. One of kind only "and that's an item." Shades of beautiful colorings, shedding a soft mellow radiance throughout the room and the beauty of the designs will harmonize with the most fastidious of your requirements. Lamps form a gift that is a constant reminder of your kindness throughout the entire year and for many, many years. This collection has been assembled with the intention and knowledge that it must appeal to a most fastidious public.

Shopping  
Bags of  
Leather  
50c

These are known as Squaw Bags. They are closed with a shir at the top and make excellent bags for shopping purposes, being roomy and handy as the opening is the size of the entire bag. We present these also in other grades up to \$2.50.

## A New Shipment of Lingerie Waists

TWO ADVANCED STYLES OF LINGERIE WAISTS FITTED ESPECIALLY FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING.

\$3.75

These waists at \$3.75 are made of fine lingerie cloths, beautifully designed and carefully tailored; long sleeves and many other features that prove a style of coming Spring.

\$5.00

We've never shown so good a waist at \$5.00. The tailoring, the design, the texture, the trimming, all would seem to indicate a higher price. You can gain some knowledge of Spring style from it also.

The Broadest and Most Comprehensive  
Collection of Furs in Fayette County.

This is a Sweeping Statement  
But It is Every Word True.

Do you realize fully the meaning of this statement, "when it's true." It means not only broad range of choice, but decided savings to you. The richness and beauty of these furs are causing a furore among the women who have viewed them. We're doing a mighty big business as a result of the scope of these stocks, coupled with little selling prices, made possible by our buying facilities.

Furs last a long time and though they form one of the expensive "gift things" they afford the owner long and satisfying service. Printed prices can tell but little still you may form some idea of the worth of these furs from the few items below. Comparison is the only means of truly judging value.

Lynx Throw Scarfs ... \$20 to \$42.50  
Mink Scarfs ... \$16.50 to \$65  
Blended Squirrel Scarfs \$5 to \$12.50  
Children's Fur Sets ... \$1.50 to \$15

Blended Squirrel Muffs \$6.50 to \$15  
Fox Set, rug, muff, shawl scarf, trimmed with real heads ... \$50.00  
Lynx Shawl Scarf ... \$42.50

Kominaki Sable Set, Empire muff, throw scarf ... \$75.00  
Blue Wolf Set, pillow muff, throw scarf ... \$15.00

Umbrellas

More than ever must our umbrella stocks claim your attention. The long dry spell has caused manufacturers to make very flattering offers and these stocks fairly bristle with good things—strong—slightly handles, waterproof covers that are fadeless and immense variety should attract most active buying.

Men's Umbrellas ... \$1 to \$12  
Women's Umbrellas \$1.50 to \$2.50

Silver Comb and Brush Sets.

The beauty and richness of these sets appeal to tasteful women—difficult to find a woman who does not dote on dresser ornaments. These beautiful silver sets add a touch of richness andaintness that would be hard to duplicate at a similar outlay.

Heavy-French Plate mirror, bristle brush and strong, serviceable comb, priced from \$4.50 to \$9.50. Like sets having enameled backs instead of silver, priced at from \$1.50 to \$4.50.

Military Brushes, per set, \$1.50 to \$4.50.

## Silk Kimonos as Christmas Gifts

House garments that surpass in beauty of design and fabric anything heretofore presented by us. The silks, most of them are of Oriental design and the lines of the garments themselves are modeled from Eastern costume styles. The range of colorings and styles will be of absorbing interest to all that view them.

LONG KIMONOS ARE PRICED FROM \$5.00 to \$15.00 SHORT KIMONOS ARE PRICED FROM \$2.00 to \$8.50

These are displayed on the second floor and form one of the many interesting groups of Christmas things to be found there.

## Wright-Metzler Company.